



**California Biodiversity Council**

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## **Children in Nature**

October 8-9, 2008

Preservation Park, 1233 Preservation Park Way  
Oakland, California

*This meeting is being presented in partnership with:*

**California Roundtable and Parks, Recreation and Tourism**

<http://calroundtable.org>

**The Stewardship Council**

<http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org/>

“Nature Deficit Disorder” is running rampant. Today, children are much less connected to the natural world than at any other time in history. Yet this is the generation we will look to as our future stewards. They are not fueled as we were by visceral memories of the sheer joy and discovery of climbing trees, exploring trails and building dams in a stream. Growing evidence proves that the simple act of unstructured play in nature results in healthier and happier children. Yet this is the generation we look to as our future stewards. These are the same children who will determine the future preservation of these natural areas and the resources we have come to treasure.

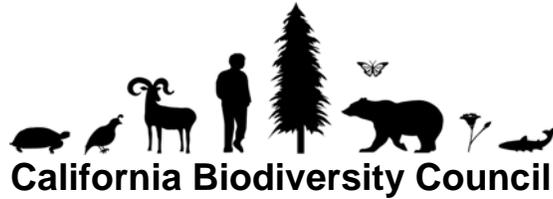
This meeting will focus on how we as land management agencies can and should address this issue. We will learn from the tools and successful programs that will be presented and forge ahead as part of this rapidly growing national movement.

### Agenda

#### **Wednesday, October 8, 2008**

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- 10:00 a.m. Participants Arrive and Check-in at Preservation Park, *Niles Hall*
- 10:15 a.m. Board Mini Buses and Depart for Field Tours
- 4:30 p.m. Return to Preservation Park
- 5:30 p.m. Social and Poster Session at Niles Hall and Ginn House Parlor Rooms, Preservation Park with no-host cocktails
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner—Niles Hall, Preservation Park
- 8:00 p.m. **Keynote: A National Movement**—*Charles Jordan, The Conservation Fund*



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### October 9 Agenda

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- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:15 **Welcome, Introductions and Council Business**—*Mike Pool, CBC Co-Chair & State Director, USDO, Bureau of Land Management, and Todd Ferrara, Deputy Secretary for External Affairs, California Resources Agency*
- Reading by Maggie Gallagher, River of Words Poet**—*Introduced by Pamela Michael, Executive Director and Co-Founder, River of Words*
- Executive Committee Report**—*Chris Nota, Chair, Executive Committee*
- 9:15 - 10:00 **Summary of Field Tour**—*Chris Nota*
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Setting the Stage**—*Charles Jordan, The Conservation Fund*
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Panel: A Broader Look at the Issues and Opportunities for New Partnerships**
- State Board of Education, Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission—*Constance Tate, Member, and Director, Reading First Technical Assistance Center, San Joaquin County Office of Education*
  - California Department of Public Health—*Bonnie Sorensen, Chief Deputy Director of Policy and Programs*
  - The Stewardship Council—*Steve Hagler, Director of Youth Investment*
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:10 **Panel of Successful Projects That Have Overcome the Barriers**
- Outdoor Outreach, San Diego—*Chris Rutgers, Executive Director, and Juan Herrera, Junior Instructor*
  - Central California Consortium, Fresno—*Jim Oftedal, Director, and Juana Rosas, Rural Coordinator*
- 2:10 - 2:25 **Presenting Partnership with National Assn. of Park Directors (NASPD)**—*Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks*  
*Ray Murray, Chief, Partnership Program, Pacific West Region, National Park Service*
- 2:25 - 3:00 “90-Second Commercials” on Member Programs to Get Children Outside—*CBC Members*
- 3:00 - 3:30 Discussion of Action Items